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## **Chesapeake Man Pleads Guilty To Attempted Receipt of Child Pornography**

(Norfolk, VA) – Peter Fletcher, age 47, of Chesapeake, pled guilty yesterday in Norfolk federal court to attempted receipt of child pornography. Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, made the announcement. Fletcher entered his plea before United States Magistrate Judge Tommy E. Miller and will be sentenced by United States District Judge Rebecca Beach Smith on September 17, 2008. He faces a mandatory minimum of 5 years in prison, a maximum of 20 years in prison, and a \$250,000 fine.

According to court documents, on three separate occasions, Fletcher used a credit card to purchase memberships to child pornography websites. On July 18, 2007, federal agents executed a search warrant at Fletcher's home and seized computers and other media. During the search of his home, Fletcher voluntarily submitted to an interview during which he admitted to purchasing memberships to child pornography websites and downloading, saving and viewing child pornography. A subsequent forensic analysis of the computers and other media seized from Fletcher's home revealed that he possessed more than 15,000 images of child pornography.

This case was investigated by the Department of Homeland Security—Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Assistant United States Attorney Melissa E. O'Boyle is prosecuting the case on behalf of the United States.

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